

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kanji TANAKA et al. Application No.: 10/529,432 Confirmation No.: 6663 Filing or 371(c) Date: March 25, 2005 Title: BINDING DEVICE	Art Unit: 3725 Examiner: J. Williams
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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2008, the period for response to which has been extended to September 15, 2008 (September 14, 2008 falls on a Sunday), by the accompanying Petition for One-Month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **7** of this paper.

Please note, if a box is not checked, then no corresponding amendment is being made.